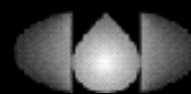**EPA**
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BULLETIN

LEPC / SERC BULLETIN BOARD

In April, 1996, EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) introduced the new electronic bulletin board for Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) and State Emergency Response Commissions (SERCs). As CEPPO's primary stakeholders in emergency planning and chemical accident prevention, these organizations need easy access to a wide array of information -- documents, databases, and other resources. Modem access to the bulletin board provides all this. With Internet access, users can also find links to other relevant Internet sites such as mapping resources or other databases as well as a "conference" space where LEPCs and SERCs can communicate directly with each other.

The bulletin board has been developed by CEPPO in conjunction with RTK-Net, an on-line network operated by the public interest organizations OMB Watch and Unison Institute. CEPPO selected the bulletin board format because it is the most easily accessible to the largest number of people. SERCs and LEPCs can gain access to it either through an 800 toll-free modem connection or through the Internet.

More information is available today, in more ways, and at a faster rate, than anyone thought possible, even two years ago. EPA's Chemical Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Office (CEPPO) has joined this new wave of information with an electronic home page and bulletin board system. This quick-reference assistance bulletin describes what you need to know to locate information electronically on chemical emergency preparedness and chemical accident prevention.

Tap in to CEPPO in cyberspace. It's not the wave of the future -- it's now!

Hardware

For modem dial-up access to the LEPC / SERC bulletin board, a user needs a computer (IBM or Macintosh), a modem (from 2400 to 2800), and communications software. If you use an IBM system, RTK-Net can give you compatible communications shareware. Many Macintosh systems come already equipped with communications packages. Communications software is also commercially available.

For access to the bulletin board through the Internet, you need a computer, a modem, a local Internet provider, and Internet search mechanism such as Netscape to reach the RTK-Net site. World Wide Web is preferable, but Telnet is also possible; it works like a modem dial-up system. Your Internet provider may be able to give you appropriate software; otherwise, it is commercially available.

Electronic Addresses

Either system will take you to the same information on the bulletin board. For access, use one of these routes:

World Wide Web:
   http://www.rtk.net/lepc.net

Telnet: Telnet to **rtk.net**

Modem number:
   202-234-8570 or toll-free **1-800-444-8697**

Please note that on the bulletin board, you will be prompted for a user name and password. For "user name," type in "**lepc**." For "password," type "**lepcepa**." You will need to use the mouse or the tab key to move the cursor down to the password field before entering the password and pressing "enter."

For technical assistance in accessing the system, call a systems operator on the RTK-Net Helpline at 202-234-8494.

CEPPO HOME PAGE

CEPPO has also set up its own home page on the Internet's World Wide Web. If offers general information about CEPPO, the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act, risk management planning requirements of the Clear Air Act, as well as publications, regulations, and databases. It also shows links relevant to emergency preparedness and chemical accident prevention. To go directly to the CEPPO home page, the address is:

   http://www.epa.gov/swercepp/

If you would like information about the larger division of EPA of which CEPPO is a part -- the Office of Solid Waste and Emergency Response or OSWER -- you may go directly to the OSWER home page:

   http://www.epa.gov/epaoswer/

For a broad range of information about the Environmental Protection Agency in general, go to EPA's home page:

   http://www.epa.gov

LANDVIEW™ II

LandView II is a community right-to-know software tool in the format of an electronic atlas, with both geographical and tabular information from selected EPA databases and the Bureau of the Census. Published originally on CD ROM, it is now available on RTK-Net, sorted by individual county. RTK-Net users of LandView II must download files on a county by county basis and then run the actual program in DOS on their own computer, since the program itself does not run within the confines of RTK-Net. Users will also need to download the program needed to access the LandView II files, an installation file, and an instruction file. Like the CD-ROM version of the software, LandView files must be run on a PC.

To access LandView II through RTK-Net, the address is:

   http://rtk.net/landview

If you need technical assistance while downloading LandView II from RTK-Net, call the RTK-Net Helpline at 202-234-8494.

CAMEO™

The Computer-Aided Management of Emergency Operations (CAMEO) is a software system that integrates a chemical database, an air dispersion model, a mapping capability, and data management capability. CAMEO now has its own home page with information on software "bug fixes," ordering, training, and technical support. To reach the page on the Internet, the address is:

   http://www.nsc.org/nsc/ehc/cameo.html

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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